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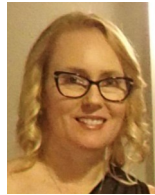
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Commander's Corner
Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, SN



Winter has finally arrived in full force. In years past this would not have been my favorite thing but I am finding that the cooler weather is fantastic for my hot flashes and I no longer mind, even rather appreciate the winter weather. Though, if we are being honest, I missed the snow shoveling from the first storm as I was visiting my mom in California, and was working by the time the second, smaller storm finally finished. It is very nice to have teenage boys at home that will shovel and snow blow when Cyrus and I do not have the time.

I have been in contact with National about the update to our by-laws. They were not received originally, but are currently under review and we should be hearing about approval or changes needed soon.

The Nominating Committee Report has been updated and is available on page 5 for your perusal. There are a few changes to the incoming bridge this March, but the incoming bridge is as dedicated as ever to make this a great year for Delhigh. I hope that you will all support our incoming bridge at the March 2nd Change-of-Watch. The pledging of our incoming bridge is a long standing, important tradition and a fun time with our boating friends.

I hope to see you all at an event soon!



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www.americasboatingclub.org

Holiday Party



Bob, District Educational Officer John O'Reilly and Chris chatting before dinner.



Brent and Jane pulled a 'Chris' but finally made it!



Randy, Jeanette, Sally, Diane and Ellen. Nobody was smiling so something silly was said and everyone was laughing.



Sally, Diane, Fran and David smiling after enjoying some appetizers.



Kathy, Tyler, Oliver, Vince and Cyrus posing for the photographer.



Keith, Michele and Sergio catching up before dinner.



Nikki and Sherika got lost, but indulged in libations once they arrived.



Mark and Mary Lee are all smiles.



Kathy with the generous Toys for Tots donations.



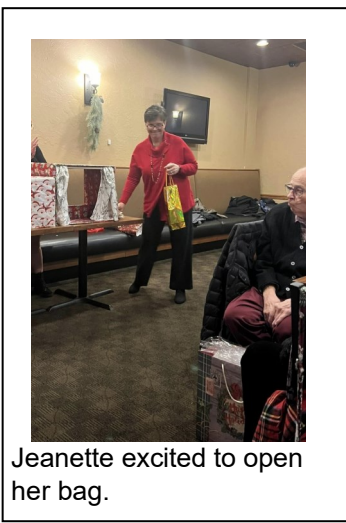
Holiday Party



Mark excited to have opened whiskey!



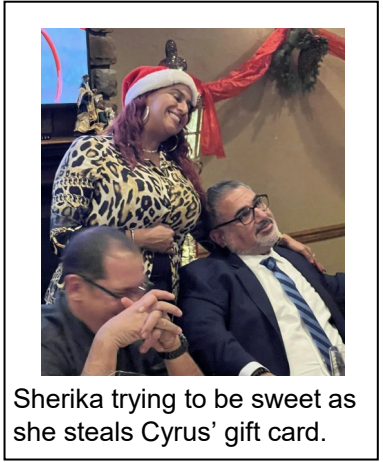
Diane heading back to her seat with her bag of goodies.



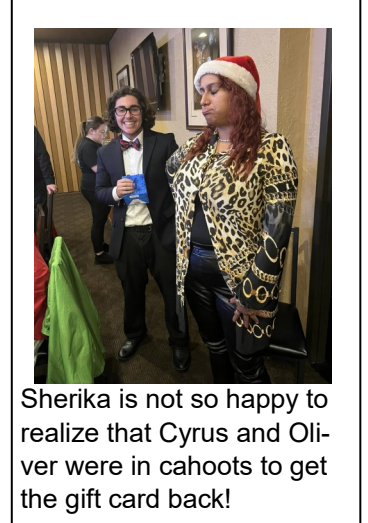
Jeanette excited to open her bag.



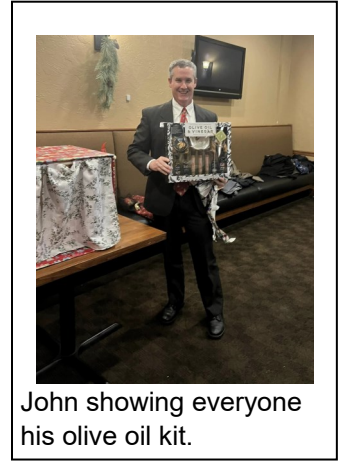
Jane showing off her snow globe.



Sherika trying to be sweet as she steals Cyrus' gift card.



Sherika is not so happy to realize that Cyrus and Oliver were in cahoots to get the gift card back!



John showing everyone his olive oil kit.



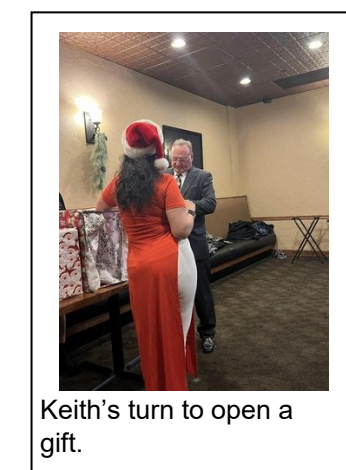
Mary Lee opening her bag of goodies.



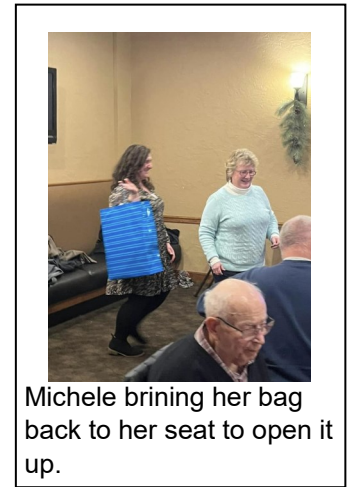
Sallie showing off her gift.



Bob opening a bottle of something.



Keith's turn to open a gift.



Michele bringing her bag back to her seat to open it up.



Phantoms Game



Delhigh Power Squadron



Aiden and Oliver flashing their smiles for the camera.



Cyrus, Joshua, Tyler, Eddie, and Vince enjoying the game.



Harvey, Karlee, Keith, and Bill laughing and loving the time together.



Randy smiling while Jeanette watches the ice intently.



Randy, Jeanette, Ellen, and Craig having a good time.



As provided by our by-laws, the Nominating Committee presents for your consideration our (updated) slate of officers for the elected positions for 2024-2025 as follows:

Commander:
Keith Knoblach, AP

Executive Officer:
Robert Rendish, P

Educational Officer:
Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Administrative Officer:

Secretary:
Jeanette Meisner, AP

Treasurer:
L. Chris Brown, SN

Respectfully Re-Submitted:
Delhigh Nominating Committee



2024 Summer Rendezvous

Thursday June 20– Sunday June 23
Rock Hall, MD

**Reserve Your Room
Soon**

Mariners Motel

5681 South Hawthorn Avenue
Rock Hall, MD
410-639-2224

Room Rates:

Thursday: \$ 72.50

Friday: \$205.00

Saturday: \$225.00

+ county and state taxes

Cancellation policy is at least 48
hours prior to check in time

More information as the date gets closer.





ABC-3 Boating Safety Course Dates are Open!



Classes will be held at

Peter's Marine

1402 Union Blvd, Allentown
on

Saturdays, April 6 & 13

9:00am—1:00 pm

20 seats available per class

For more information, see [page 11](#) of this issue of the Delhighlights newsletter, or visit either of the links below:

[Education - Peters Marine Service, Inc.](#)

[Course Offerings \(usps.org\)](#)



See you there

ABC-3 Boating Safety Course Dates are Open!



Classes will be held at

Northampton Fire Station

4 Lerchenmiller Drive, Northampton
on

Saturdays, May 4 & 11

9:00am—1:00 pm

50 seats available per class

For more information, see [page 11](#) of this issue of the Delhighlights newsletter, or visit the link below:

[Course Offerings \(usps.org\)](#)



Join us for a
**Wine & Chocolate
Pairing**



Saturday, February 3, 2024
Lebeduik Residence
3pm

Please bring wine and chocolates or
candy or cookies to pair with it.

Wine glasses, plates, napkins, etc. will be
provided.

Please RSVP to Kathy
at k.now@mac.com or
(956) 240-5553



FOUNDER'S DAY

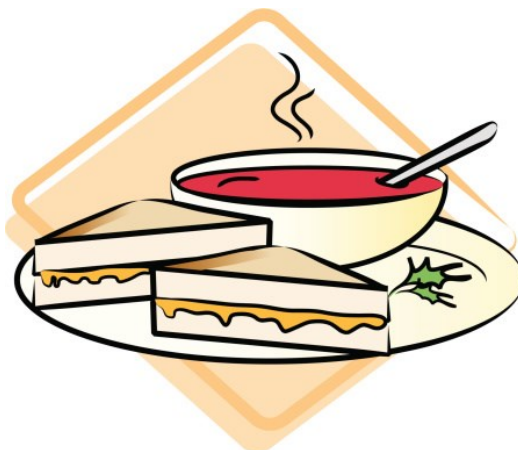
Meeting

and Voting in of New
Bridge Members

Wednesday, February 7
at
Morgan's Restaurant
3079 Willow St



Drinks: 5 pm
Meeting: 6 pm
Dinner: Immediately following meeting.



Founder's Day is the meeting where the in-
coming bridge is voted on, please make an
effort to attend.

We meet in the back room and order off the
menu. [Morgan's | Local Flavor – Allentown, Pa](http://morgansrest.net)
(morgansrest.net)

RSVP to Robert
RobertRendish1@yahoo.com
(484) 619-4013





Join us for
America's Boating Club's
9th Annual



Saturday, February 17
Meisner Residence
444 Willow Road, Walnutport
5 pm

Feel free to bring your favorite game to play! Should games not be your thing, come and join some good friends and interesting conversation!



Beef Goulash & noodles will be served. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

RSVP to Jeanette at
Jeanette@meisnerservices.com

America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley 2023

Change-of-Watch to be held at



Adagio Seafood Restaurant
Bethlehem, PA
610.625.3777

[Adagio's Seafood Restaurant](#)

Saturday, March 2
6:00 pm

Formal attire required

We will have a private room with our own bar. See [page 9](#) for more details and reservation form.





America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley 2023 Change-of-Watch



530 Pembroke Road, Bethlehem
610.625.3777

Saturday, March 2

Cocktail Hour and Cash Bar 6pm

Cheese and Crackers Appetizer

Dinner and Ceremony 7pm

Choice of:

Chicken Marsala (Chicken breasts topped with a mushroom wine sauce, served with wild rice.)

Faroe Island Grilled Salmon (Generous salmon filet finished with chef's cream sauce, served with wild rice.)

NY Strip Steak (Cooked to your liking and topped with peppercorn sauce, served with baked potato topped with butter.)

All meals served with House salad, bread & butter and choice of one side.
Dessert of flourless chocolate cake or cheesecake, coffee or tea included

\$53 per person

Delhigh Change-of-Watch Reservation Form

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Dinner Choices _____

(Please include the temperature for NY Strip Steak)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Send to:

P/C Robert Rendish, P
527 Elm Street
Emmaus, PA 18049

RSVP by February 19th

RobertRendish1@yahoo.com
or (610) 967-2210





**SAVE
THE
DATE**

St Patrick's Day Party



Saturday, March 16

More information will be emailed when plans are solidified.

Join America's Boating Club
Lehigh Valley
for our
**April
Meeting**



Wednesday, April 3
Potluck at 6:30pm
Meeting starts at 7:00pm
at
The Nowroozani Residence

RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or
(956) 240-5553





Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course with

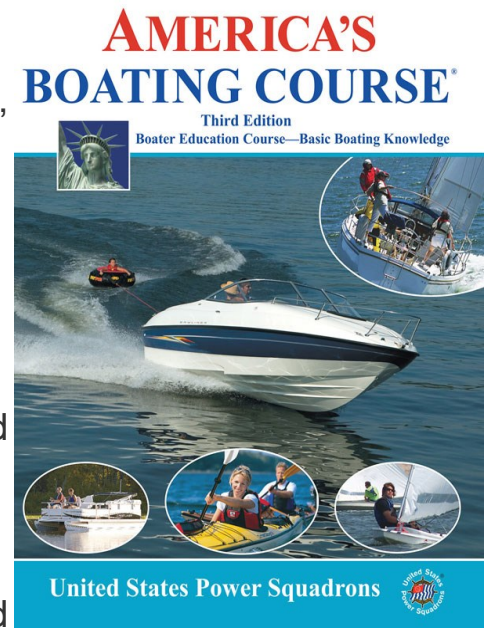


Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence. Our boater safety class meets the certification requirements for a Pennsylvania boat license.

What You'll Learn:

- Information about Pennsylvania State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing
- Required boating safety equipment
- Do's and Don'ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water
- The basics of towing and trailering
- Special, important information for hunters, anglers, and sports enthusiasts.

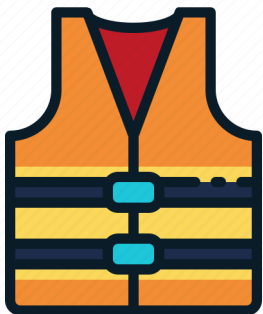


For the best, most comprehensive boating education available, take America's Boating Course with our certified expert instructors.

Cost of the Class is \$50 per person with book

2024 Dates: Saturdays, April 6 & 13

Or Saturdays, May 4 & 11



For more information or to register for the course contact Sergio at slamboy3@gmail.com





VSC Corner

By: P/C Keith Knoblach, AP



With the holidays over, we can relax and plan for the upcoming year. This is a good time to plan a cruise or some short trips on your boats.

When planning, be sure to take into consideration fuel stops and overnight stays. Now it is time to ready your boat. If you made any notes about repairs, review them, and make any changes or additions. Remember to check all your safety equipment, including spare navigation light bulbs and parts. This is also a good time to visit your boat, checking the engine for worn hoses, manifolds, drive shafts, and flex point shaft seals. Have the motor serviced; oil changes and tune ups are always a good idea. Be sure to clean the bilge of oil and dirty rags. Check wiring connections for corrosion and cracked insulation.

Lower the anchor to check the connections from the anchor to the chain and then the chain to row for wear and chaffing. Check the prop for damage and rudder pivot points for proper movement.

Look at PFD's for wear and labels. Inflatables should be tested, and cartridges checked for replacement. Replace outdated flares, flashlight batteries, smoke and carbon dioxide batteries. Also, test the actual boat batteries and replace them if weak.

There are many other items to check to ensure a safe and enjoyable time on the water this season.

Let's all be prepared for a great, fun filled boating season.



February

Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, SN
Lt/C Sergio Lamboy, P
P/Lt/C Camilla Stemrich, P

March

Muriel Komoski
Joe Winegardner, SN



Click to go to [America's Boating Channel™](http://www.americanboatingchannel.com) to see videos about safe boating and boating education!





Executive Officer's Report

P/C Robert Rendish, P

I always try to enhance and increase my knowledge of boating and my skills in the off season, commonly called winter.

Anything that will provide me more information about boating, weather, boat handling, destinations, and very importantly, boat maintenance are anticipated.

I will read boating magazines, books about boating, and on occasion, maintenance manuals.

I will go online and research things of interest; things concerning my boats manufacture, or trouble shooting various maintenance repairs and procedures. You Tube is a good place for video and "how-to" advice and instruction.

For the newer boaters to this fun-filled recreation, I suggest taking a Safe Boating course over the winter if you haven't already.

Check out what your local Coast Guard Auxiliary might be offering in your area in so far as Safe Boating Instructional classes for your required Safe Boating Certificate.

Or better yet, search and check out what your local America's Boating Club United States Power Squadron, may be offering during these winter months.

Our squadron again is offering a series of classes, at a local marine dealer, Peter's Marine in Allentown, PA, and a second class at Northampton Fire Station, You can find much more information at these web-sites:

www.Americasboatingclub.org

www.usps5.org

[America's Boating Compass](#)

www.BoatingLehighValley.com (our squadron web-site)

Make the best of the off season and enjoy.

To the Breezes

Administrative Officer's Report

The holiday's are now behind us, but there are still several more months of winter weather ahead. We had a great holiday party this year out at Pizza Como in Pennsburg and we had a good turn out for the Phantoms hockey game that went into overtime and then penalty shots before our home team won. What a nail biter!

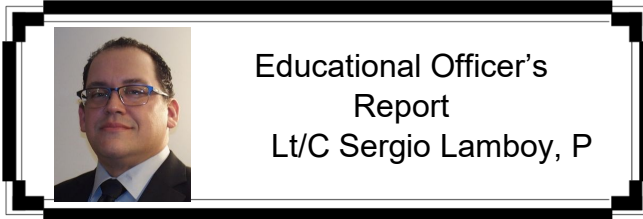
There are many upcoming events. Our Executive Committee has once again put out an extensive list of events for the upcoming squadron year, all of which are listed in the calendar on page 19. Information for our February and March events are listed in the pages above. Many of these are familiar to those of us that have been members for a while. Our February Meeting is where we vote for the incoming bridge to be pledged at the Change-of-Watch, and it was clear at the ExCom meeting that Morgan's Local Flavor is a popular restaurant with our group. Wine and Chocolate pairing at the Lebeduik residence is always delicious for anyone who is interested. Game Night at the Meisner's is always a good time. Even if you are not a game player, there is always someone willing to chat about boats.

Change-of-Watch is again at Adagio. Their private room and delicious food keep us coming back each year. The reservation form is on [page 9](#), and I have been told that our District Representative will be none other than District Commander Joe Gibson and his lovely wife Rosa!

Please reach out to any bridge member with questions about upcoming events and ideas for new events or new locations you would like us to check out.


**Happy
St. Patrick's Day!**





So, we have started a new year and the craziness of the holidays are over. I hope you enjoyed every moment with your families and friends. I know Michele and I were blessed. The surprise of her younger sister making the last-minute trip to spend the New Year's holiday with all of us was, indeed, a treat and made the holiday season seem more magical. I hope the same can be said of your holiday season as well.

Now that the new year is upon us, we begin our boating season with the opportunity to educate new boaters. Sadly, this season has gotten off to a slow and disappointing start. We had to cancel our January 2024 ABC3 class that is held at Peter's Marine due to lack of interest. Oddly, we only had two inquiries. I guess the economy and the cost of the holidays put a damper on people looking for training. I do look forward to the April course, and I'm hopeful for a better response. The roster is slowly filling up with potential students. So, to all the instructors - prepare to dazzle our future ABC3 class with your stories and experiences on the water. If there is anything more fun for our students than the training we provide, it's the stories we share with each class.

For those of you looking for education or just a little entertainment in 2024, Americas Boating Club aims to please. There are so many opportunities to further your knowledge base at the [America's Boating Club website](#). There are always courses and seminars available for the beginner to the seasoned veteran on the water. Now if you've perused the catalog of courses and seminars and nothing happens to strike your fancy, you should head on over to [The Americas Boating Channel on You Tube](#)

and check out all nine new inlet videos. As in the past, the producers and videographers at ABC have really outdone themselves. The inlet series of videos are informative as well as entertaining. I hope to see everyone over the next year at one event or another. It looks like 2024 will be a year to be reckoned with.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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2023-2024

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USPS NATIONAL NEWS



ABCclub Annual Meeting
February 6-11, 2024
Orlando, Florida

Have you read the Fall issue of The Ensign? There are many interesting articles and information in this National Newsletter. You can find it here:

[The Ensign magazine](#)

DISTRICT 5 NEWS



District Spring Conference and Change of Watch

March 20-24, 2024

[Holiday Inn Ocean City](#)

6600 Coastal Highway

More details in the next Delhighlights

(Check out the fire pit in the courtyard, perfect for smoking cigars)



How to take visual bearings



To navigate safely in coastal waters, you need to compare your visual bearings and observations with your charts or GPS.

Before leaving home, store charted landmarks as waypoints in your GPS for quick recognition on the water. Annotate their names on your charts.

Take relative bearings using the boat

You can take relative bearings (the angle to a target relative to the ship's heading) using your boat, but you must convert them to magnetic or true before comparing them to your GPS or a chart.

A quick visual bearing taken over your bow corresponds to your heading. Like bow bearings, beam bearings (taken 90 degrees off the bow) are easy to sight and reasonably accurate.

To convert a relative bearing, add your boat's heading (usually magnetic) to the relative bearing as measured clockwise from the bow. For example, if your boat's heading is 070 magnetic, and your sighted object is directly off the starboard beam (90 degrees relative), your plottable magnetic bearing would be 160 magnetic. If the resulting number is greater than 360 degrees, simply subtract 360 degrees to get a plottable magnetic reading.

You can also take a quick visual sight over a protractor or plotting tool aligned with the boat's centerline to estimate a relative bearing. Many boaters note the angles sighted across the various features of their boat, such as a stanchion or window edge. Others place marks on rails at intermediate relative angles for quick visual reference.

Take absolute bearings using the ship's compass

More precise and easier to compare with GPS readings, compass bearings are sighted forward of the helm using your steering compass as a guide.

Lay a plastic (not metal) plotting tool across the top of the compass and use it to sight a charted object for an absolute magnetic bearing you can plot without conversion.

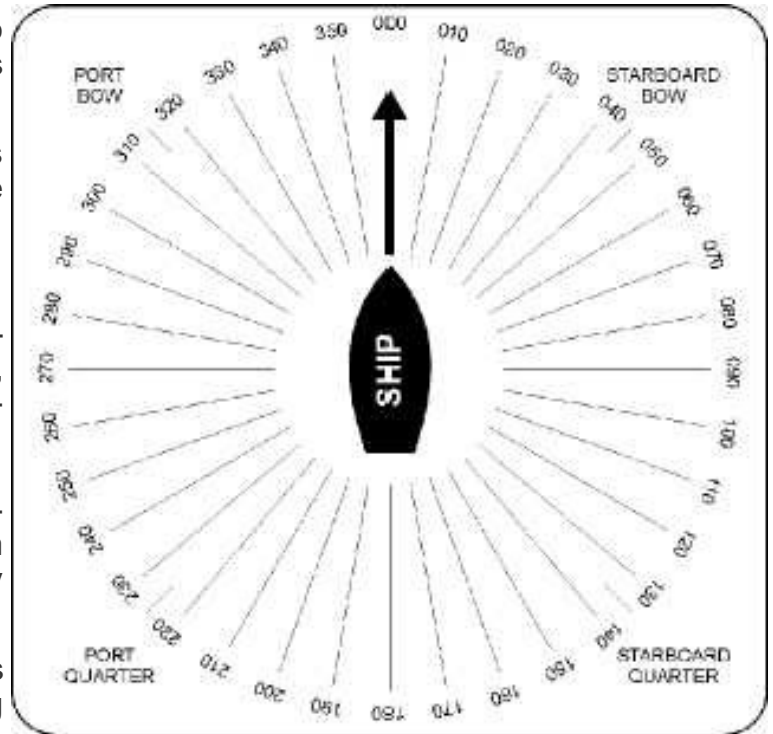
Make quick GPS comparisons

Comparing visual bearings with their GPS bearings isn't precise, but it's quick and easy and gives you confidence in your GPS.

On your GPS map screen, zoom out to display the nearby landmarks you programmed as waypoints before leaving home. Compare a quick relative visual bearing with the landmark on the GPS screen. If the two agree, your GPS is probably fine. If not, take more precise bearings.

If any of your quick visual observations don't match, compare your bearings with a chart, which is always a good idea when navigating by GPS.

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Boating Links

Want to be on the water but winter is just too cold? Take a winter trip to Chicago! I know, this seems like the opposite direction, but this winter you can take a ride down the Chicago River in a Hot Tub Boat!!! [Hot Tub Boat Rides Coming to Chicago River this Winter](#)



It is winter and that means time to learn to be a safer boater! Start here with this insightful article about safely navigating in heavy seas with large waves. [#QuickTips - Boating in Waves \(boatblurb.com\)](#)

While winterization can be not our favorite part of the boating season, Boat US has 3 tips for making sure your boat is safe until boating season starts again. [BoatUS: 3 Best Practices to Follow for Your Boat's Long Winter's Nap : BoatUS News Room](#)

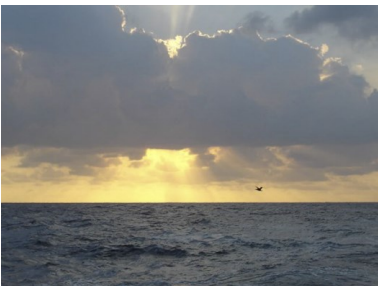
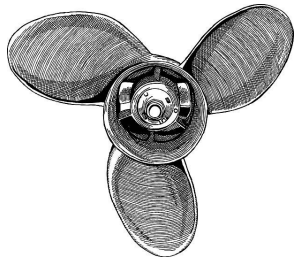


SONAR



A depth finder that tells me the depth of the water in front of my boat? YES PLEASE!!! Find out about the technology and affordability at [Sonar that Sees Whats Ahead - Practical Sailor \(practical-sailor.com\)](#)

Looking to increase gas mileage with prices so high? How about a new propeller? Find the best propeller for you boat! [How to Find Your Best Propeller \(boatblurb.com\)](#)



Always wanted to take the Weather Course but never had the time? Did you know you can do it online at your own pace? Pre-recorded lectures and you can email an instructor with questions. [Weather - Course | America's Boating Club® \(enrolmart.com\)](#)

This page is never complete without a link to boating fails! Here is a video of fails and wins, just to keep you guessing! [Boat Fails and Wins 2023 - YouTube](#)



A BIT OF FUN



Did You Know??

Water skiing was invented by an 18 year old in 1922.

Ralph Samuelson was only 18 years old in June of 1922. He was living in Minnesota and came up with the assumption that there was no reason why you couldn't ski on water if you were already able to ski on snow.

In order to test out his hypothesis, Ralph put some skis on and got his brother to tow him across Lake Pepin. Then, a few days later, on July 2, Ralph realized that if he leaned back, he could successfully stay up on the skis.

Samuelson used snow skis as his first skis. But they were too heavy and he kept sinking. He then attempted to use curved wood from barrels but those were also too heavy.

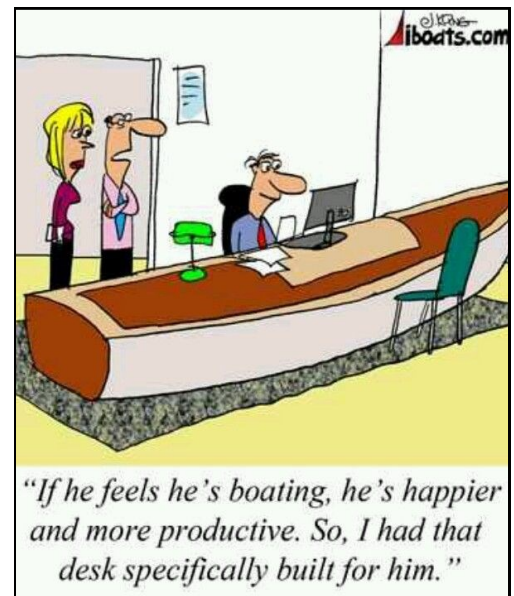
He realized that he needed skis that could cover more of the water's surface area. He then crafted two curved planks that were nine inches wide and eight feet long. Ralph then fastened a leather strap to the skis so that his foot wouldn't fall off of them.

He also used an iron ring as a handle and attached that to one hundred feet of rope.

Interestingly enough, Ralph never patented any of his water skiing gear. Three years after his first water skiing attempts, a man by the name of Fred Waller from New York patented the very first water skis. Waller was credited as the inventor of water skiing for years but there are files at the Minnesota Historical Society which clearly show Ralph as the first.

Since that time, there have been many accessories added to the activity of water skiing. These accessories include the boat ski rack, wetsuit, ski pylon, and also pulleys.

Source: [5 Interesting Boat Facts You Should Know](#)



"If he feels he's boating, he's happier and more productive. So, I had that desk specifically built for him."

DAVE BARRY
OCEAN PASSION

How to Sail a Sailboat

1. Figure out where you want to go.
2. Whichever way it is, do NOT aim the sailboat in that direction.
3. Aim the sailboat in some *other* direction.
4. Trust me, this is the way sailboaters do it.
5. They are heavy drinkers.



Wine and Chocolate Tasting

Saturday, February 3
Lebeduik Residence
3pm

Founder's Day

Wednesday, February 7
Morgan's Restaurant
6 pm

Game Night

Saturday, February 17
Meisner Residence
5pm

Change of Watch

Saturday, March 2
Adagio
6pm

St Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 16
TBA

April Meeting and Potluck

Wednesday, April 3
Nowroozani Residence
6:30pm

Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 27
TBA

May Meeting

Wednesday, May 1
Morgan's Local Flavor
6pm

Sock Burning

Saturday, May 11
TBA

Beltzville Lake Clean Up/Joey B's

Saturday, May 18
9am/1pm

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 1
Montuori Residence
6pm

Summer Rendezvous

June 20-23
Rock Hall, MD

July Meeting

Wednesday, July 10
Nowroozani Pool
6pm

Trailerboat Rendezvous and BBQ

Saturday, July 20
TBA

Musikfest Mania

Wednesday, August 7
Hotel Bethlehem
6pm

August Iron Pigs Meeting

Wednesday, August 21
Coca Cola Park
7:05pm

Bonfire

Saturday, August 24
Dlugos Fire Pit

September Meeting/Chili Cookoff

Wednesday, September 4
Nowroozani Residence
6:30pm

Cookout

Saturday, September 21
Lebeduik Residence

Instructor Recertification

TBA

Sporting Clays/Oktobfest

Saturday, October 12
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
Meisner Residence

Boos and Brews

Saturday, October 26
Lamboy Residence

November Meeting

Wednesday, November 6
TBA

Wine and Cheese Pairing

Saturday, November 16
Montuori Residence
TBA

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 15
TBA
3pm

January Meeting and Potluck

Wednesday, January 8
Nowroozani Residence
6:30pm

Phantoms Game

TBA

Bowling

TBA

Founders Day

Wednesday, February 5
TBA
6pm

Game Night

Wednesday, February 15
Meisner Residence
TBA

COW

Saturday, March 1
TBA

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